

ROYALL'S CHALLENGE  
TO BRYAN, BAILEY, BLAKE

Lawyer Gives Notice of Public Meeting Thursday Night to Discuss Politics.

RATHER UP TO McDUFFIE

Man Who Wanted Nebraska to Withdraw Invited to Meet Royall in Debate.

Announcement was made yesterday by Mr. William L. Royall that he will hold a public meeting on Thursday night to discuss the reasons why he will refuse to support William Jennings Bryan, and incidentally he has invited any of the foremost orators, including Mr. Bryan, United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas, and Mr. George McDuffie, of Virginia, to take up the other end of the argument. The place of meeting will be decided upon to-day.

In newspaper cards published heretofore, Mr. Royall stated that he would not vote for Bryan; that in view of all things he would not vote at all. Satisfied that he might be tempted, some of the Hearst Independence League people threatened to call upon him, with the same gracious manner of the summer book agent, and convince him that there was a place for the wanderer. From all accounts, however, he was not pestered.

His Card to Democrats.

In a statement addressed "To My Fellow Democrats of Richmond City," Mr. Royall says:

"I am glad to see that the election of William J. Bryan to be President of the United States would be the greatest calamity that I could see befall the American people, that I invite my fellow-Democrats to meet me Thursday evening next, September 17th, and let me state to them the reasons why I think they should decline to vote for Mr. Bryan. I will announce the time and the place for the meeting in the afternoon papers on Monday."

"I invite any Democratic speaker, from William J. Bryan through Mr. Joseph W. Bailey, down through all the successful grades, to the Hon. George McDuffie, to appear and answer me. A fair division of time will be given."

Up to McDuffie, Blake.

When it was whispered around among the politicians last night that Mr. Royall had issued an open challenge there was a general desire to hear him, with even greater curiosity to know the identity of the champion who will face him on the stage. Mr. Bryan can hardly be present. Previous engagements will unquestionably keep Senator Bailey away. The politicians agreed, therefore, that it is up to Mr. Blake.

"Buck Royall will have to turn 'em away," said a well-known figure in local politics last night. "No matter how strong might be our devotion to Mr. Bryan and the party, we will just have to turn 'em away. As some of the big boys may volunteer, as will be a meeting worth while. I don't see how McDuffie Blake can expect to appear as the Bryan champion when he wrote to the Nebraska before the Denver convention urging him to stand aside in the interest of harmony, and then come again in 1912. Mr. Royall has hold of the wrong end, according to his humble view, although he will handle it eloquently and logically in a discussion with one or two Democrats."

The meeting ought to be the feature of the week, because the fearless utterances of Mr. Royall will attract unusual attention."

BEAT OFF ASSAILANT

White Man Roughly Handled Negro Who Tried to Kill Him.

With no other weapon than his fist, Mr. H. T. Eager, a horse dealer, 114 Orleans Street, was forced off a busy street by a negro, who attacked him with a knife and heavy stick, back of Oakwood Cemetery last night. Eager was so roughly that he was for a time unconscious.

After seeing that he was unable to move Eager went to the nearest telephone and called for the police. When the patrol arrived he guided the officers to the spot, and the negro, who was a semi-conscious condition, was removed to the station and locked up.

According to Eager he was passing in the rear of the cemetery, which is a dark and lonely spot, about 8 o'clock, when he was suddenly accosted by the negro, who ordered him to throw up his hands. At the same time hitting at him with a heavy stick. Eager jumped in, and though much smaller than the negro, who saved the life of William Dandridge, soon had him down. He thinks Dandridge had a knife in his hand, but could not be certain about it. No knife was found, but the stick, a heavy piece of oak about four feet long, was taken to the station along with the prisoner.

LIVED NEAR STATION

Man Wanted by Police Had Quarters Almost Under Their Eyes.

Richard Logan, colored, who travels throughout the country, was wanted by the police for more than a year by the local police department, was arrested last night by officers Wiley and Shepherd, and locked up in the second station. When Bobbie was carried before Sergeant Brooks the records of the office were searched, and many time-worn and musty warrants for his arrest were read. One charged him with beating his wife, another with stealing a suit of clothes, one with assaulting a colored man, and one with peeving another's coat. And there were others too numerous to mention. The first warrant was dated September 18, 1907. As Officer Wiley read of the warrant, Bobbie would exclaim: "Good Lord, boss," and laugh. He confessed that he was guilty of two of the charges, but denied the rest. He said he had not been dodging the police, and that he had been living near the station house for a year.

FOLLOWED ALL RIGHT

Reader Dashed Into Woman and Baby, Others Blind on Top.

While playing "follow the leader" last night a gang of about fifteen little negroes suddenly rounded the corner of Duval Street and broke into a mad race, dashed into a colored woman who was rolling her baby, and split baby, woman and all. The leader was the first to strike her, and when she went down he fell across her. The others, not knowing what happened, came on, and the baby was coming and piling up. The screams of the woman, mingled with the cries of the baby and the boys, drew a crowd of people. One of the boys, who was the leader, was taken to the station house.

PLANS READY FOR  
ELECTRIC PLANT

Joint Session of Water and Electricity Committees to Consider Drawings To-Night.

Plans for part of the new municipal electric light and power plant will be exhibited to-night by Mr. E. W. Trafford before a joint session of the Council Committees on Water and Electricity, which is called for 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Trafford has reported that he had ready for inspection the plans for the main power plant and river portions of the works, and that plans for the electric lighting system would be ready within thirty days. After the joint session, each committee will have a brief separate session.

New Rules for City Home.

The Board of Aldermen will meet to-morrow night in its first regular session. With all of the committees ready to transact business, the roll call will probably produce a number of interesting new measures. Several of the committees meet during the week to take up matters already referred. Though no call has been issued as yet, it is probable that there will be a meeting of the Committee on the Affairs of the Poor, when a partial report will be presented by the subcommittee on rules, of which Dr. Frank M. Reade is chairman.

While this subcommittee has not yet completed its work, it has already determined upon a number of reforms, and will recommend that they be instituted at once.

There has been no definite movement as yet to call a joint session to elect a Superintendent of Public Charities, to succeed Mr. George B. Davis. With a number of candidates in the field, and others coming out almost daily, members of the committee prefer to wait until all are lined up, and then take their pick.

When the joint session is held it will be necessary to elect a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners to succeed Vice-President Levy, resigned. The position will fall to Mr. Charles Kepler. The joint session will also have to elect the citizen members of the James River Improvement Committee, nominated by the Chamber of Commerce.

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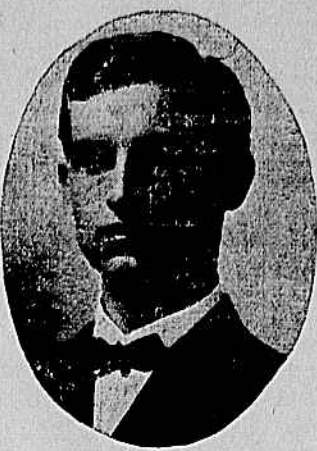
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## NEW PROFESSORS AT RICHMOND COLLEGE



R. E. LOVING, M. A., P. H. D., Professor of Physics.



H. A. VANLANDINGHAM, M. A., Associate Professor of English.



W. P. DICKEY, M. A., Professor of Latin.

MANY SEE DOCTOR;  
NONE CATCH HIM

Flower Blinds Police With His Fleeting Shadow, Then Fades Away Like a Dream.

HIS FRIENDS REMAIN HERE

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"DAKOTA BOB" IS ON HIS WAY AGAIN

Blows in from Somewhere and Then Hikes Out for Petersburg and Mexico.

Lavishly adorned with trophies from everywhere and badges ranking in variety from the "Merry Widow" to the "William J. Bryan" emblem, "Dakota Bob," the noted Western scout, who has walked six times across the continent, and is now heading toward Mexico, pulled his freight yesterday for Petersburg.

"Bob" has been trudging over the country for sixteen years, his travels now aggregating a distance of 74,600 miles. Unlike many of the pedestrian tribe, he has nothing to sell, and says he always pays his bills, which, saving the expense of "fare," he can better afford than the average tourist.

"Bob" is hale and hearty. He never gets tired, considering a matter of a thousand miles or so only "a little jaunt." In his knapsack he has almost everything, specimens of the rest being planned on his regalia. Around his waist, the Stars and Stripes are fluttering in a tattered but cherished rag, which he has been wearing since last New Year's Day, when he left Portland, Ore.

"Bob" says that he is starting on a new trip. He is on his way to Mexico now, the purpose of the "little jaunt" being purely of a "diplomatic" nature. In a well-guarded pocket he carries a facsimile of the United States seal, which he will deliver to President Diaz, of Mexico. As soon as he can get turned around good he will return to Washington and hand over the new President a facsimile of the Mexican seal.

"Bob" says he will be passing this way again before long on the home stretch. He would like to remain in Richmond longer, but guesses he'd better be "jogging along."

VIRGINIAN'S BODY HELD UNTIL RELATIVES APPLY

The Times-Dispatch has received a communication from Messrs. Blackman & Carson, undertakers of Kansas City, Mo., stating that they have the body of Robert S. Rader, whom they are informed, lived in Virginia, and who was killed in a railway accident near Kansas City. The body will be held for a short while so that the man's relatives, if he has any, may telegraph as to its disposition.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Monday and Tuesday, variable winds. North Carolina—Fair in interior, showers on the coast Monday and Tuesday; fresh north and northeast winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

Richmond's weather was clear and warmer. Thermometer at midnight, 71.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place.	Ther.	Hum.	Wind.
Ashville	76	86	Cloudy
Baltimore	84	90	Clear
Atlanta	84	90	Clear
Charlotte	72	84	Cloudy
Chicago	70	74	Cloudy
Cincinnati	82	90	P. cloudy
Cleveland	70	70	Clear
Detroit	70	70	Clear
Indianapolis	78	84	Clear
Kansas City	82	88	Clear
Memphis	84	92	Clear
Mobile	84	92	Clear
New Orleans	86	90	Clear
Oklahoma City	76	82	Cloudy
Pittsburgh	76	84	Clear
Raleigh	76	82	Clear
Savannah	80	88	P. cloudy
Norfolk	70	78	Clear
Tampa	78	86	P. cloudy
Washington	68	80	Clear
Yellowstone	68	66	Rain

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises... 5:52

Sun sets... 6:20

Moon rises... 10:25

High tide... 1:00

Low tide... 7:24

September 14, 1908.

Richmond, Va.

Temperature...

Humidity...

Wind...

Barometer...

Forecast...

DEATH CHAIR IS FATAL,  
SAYS CORONER TAYLORBIG INDUSTRIES  
IN EARLY DAYS

Richmond Trade and Manufacturing Record in 1840 Published by Chamber.

Officials of the Chamber of Commerce, in tracing the development of Richmond in recent years, have had occasion to look into the records for comparative figures with a view of determining the volume of business in the city at the outbreak of the Civil War, in order to estimate the financial damage to the city by the collapse of the Confederacy and the burning of Richmond.

"History of Virginia," published in 1840, perhaps the most accurate authority of its time, shows that there was in Richmond in that year a population of 20,162, with the remarkably low death rate of 11.8 per cent. The city had a population of 20,162, with the remarkably low death rate of 11.8 per cent. The city had a population of 20,162, with the remarkably low death rate of 11.8 per cent.

Tobacco's Early Start.

There were 256 retail stores, with a total capital of \$1,646,500; three iron yards, four furnaces, six forges, the iron business having a capital invested of \$317,500. Tobacco manufacture, even at that early date, was the chief industry in Richmond, having a capital of \$402,250, while machinery builders had a capital of \$125,000.

There was one cotton factory in Richmond, with 5,810 spindles and a capital of \$175,000; one paper factory, three flour mills, two grist mills and three sawmills were doing business, as was eight printing offices and one bindery. There were two daily, six weekly and two semi-weekly papers and one monthly journal. In Manchester that year there was a total capital invested in all kinds of business of \$1,732,500.

The two cities had twenty-three churches, an annual export tonnage of \$3,000,000, and a tonnage of the port of Richmond of 6,911.

In the State of Virginia at this time there were eight banks, with a total capital of \$3,627,400; these banks having a circulation of \$2,513,412. The public debt of the State was \$6,557,161.

SELECTING PLACE FOR STATE CAMP

Tuberculosis Sanatorium to Be Operated Under Direction of Dr. Williams.

During the past week a committee appointed by the State Board of Health has been inspecting a number of sites for the establishment of a State sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis. Dr. E. M. Williams, State Health Commissioner, has visited the party to the various sites offered. The committee will meet in Richmond this week to take formal action, its four of inspection of the sites being purely preliminary. The committee on location consists of S. P. Latane, Winchester; J. B. Fisher, Chesterfield; C. R. Grandy, Norfolk, and Dr. Williams. It is the hope of the Health Board to establish an open-air camp as soon as the site is purchased, so as to begin the treatment at once. The appropriations will follow as the appropriations come.

While buildings for administration purposes will be absolutely necessary before any large number can be accommodated, yet the treatment is simple, requiring an abundance of fresh air, for the patients tents or small light built cabins will be preferable to a large, light-fitting building. It is expected that the State tuberculosis camp can be opened on a small scale this fall.

Before leaving Richmond, Dr. Williams said he regarded this as one of the most essential steps taken by the State in recent years, and that when the sanatorium is in operation it will prove the most valuable eleemosynary institution operated by the State.

LIBERAL RESPONSE TO APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE

Through recent appeals, the local offices of the Associated Charities has received many donations of clothing, which, date back before the war, marks the change of the lower part of Franklin Street from a residence to a new business section, a change which will be more noticeable after the site has been occupied by the post-office for several years.

Work on the plans of the new Federal building will go forward at once, and it is expected that bids for the construction will be called for shortly after the first of the year.

Mayer Bennett Returns Home.

Mr. Mayer Bennett has returned to the city from an extended trip through Europe. He visited practically all of the principal cities while abroad.

Bryan-Kern Club Meeting.

The executive committee of the Bryan-Kern Club will meet at Murphy's Hotel this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Engines to Take Trip.

Manchester Aerle of Engines will leave to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock for Petersburg, where they will join with the local members of that fraternity in a meeting that will be interspersed with a number of addresses and other "doings." The Manchester Engines will carry some refreshments on the special cars, and will leave from Seventh and Perry Streets.

Good Health of City.

There has not been a death in Manchester for more than a week. This fact has caused much comment on the health situation. The undertakers, while not complaining, are bound to feel that business is "dull" with them, and that their times are hard.

It is a well-known fact that the health conditions of Manchester are of

Richmond Electricity Certain to Kill Murderers if Properly Applied.

MANY SCIENTISTS DOUBT IT

New York Coroner Declares Victims Are Merely Shocked and Can Be Revived.

While the penitentiary authorities have installed a death-chair and are waiting quietly to turn a few thousand volts into a Portsmouth murderer, who will be the first to suffer the penalty under the new State law, the discussion as to whether or not this legal process is really effective has started again in New York. Coroner Shady, of Manhattan, declaring that without the autopsy the victim is apt to be buried alive. He quotes some of the most eminent scientists in this country and France to support the theory.

Richmond Brand Will Kill.

"This discussion is no new thing," said Coroner Taylor yesterday. "When a man is hanged it generally kills him. I am not familiar with the working plan of the death-chair, but it is safe to say that Richmond electricity will end his life, even if that product in New York can do him no more harm than a rough shock. Frequently, when a man outside of the penitentiary is killed by electricity he is buried without attempts at resuscitation; yet it is known that persons have been revived and brought back to consciousness when they were presumed to be dead. No effort, it would seem, is necessary in the case of the condemned murderer."

What Dr. Arnsouval Found.

Professor Dr. Arnsouval, of the French Academy of Sciences, goes so far as to contend that the electric current merely produces suspended animation, and that the victim may be restored to consciousness and life by artificial respiration.

In support of his contention, Dr. Arnsouval cites cases of persons having been restored to consciousness by artificial means after having been shocked by electricity, and exhibiting all the signs of death. He particularly mentions the case of a lineman in Paris, who received a 4,500-volt current while repairing a defective wire. It took three-quarters of an hour to remove the victim from his position on the pole, and the ground at the base of the pole was then made to produce respiration artificially by working the sufferer's arms up and down alternately. Falling in this, the man's tongue was drawn out and allowed to recede, this being another method of producing artificial respiration. In a few moments the lungs began to perform their functions, and in two hours' time the patient was able to speak. With the exception of a few burns on his hand and back, he was unhurt.

As a result of his experiments, Professor Dr. Arnsouval believes that the electric shock does not kill, and considers "electrocution" "objectionable and of questionable effect."

Within a very short time, however, the Virginia death-trap will be given a thorough trial, and if the current is as strong as Coroner Taylor has reason to believe, the subsequent proceedings will interest the murderer no more. Though the Coroner's test is more humane than the gallows, and just now there is no disposition to abolish capital punishment in the Old Dominion.

TRAINED GOOSE TO MAKE ASCENSION IN BALLOON

Cole Brothers' Circus to Send Her Up and Down Again in Farcical act.

"A Whiff for Crowds."

The first circus advertising brigade to visit Richmond, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon, fifteen men under the direction of an agent of Cole Brothers' circus, forming the squad, which will begin work to-day. They will remain here until the arrival of the circus, to-day, September 15th. Although the "Whiff for Crowds" is the oldest on the road, it is the first to introduce this method of advance work. The ordinary plan is to send out three or four men, who will spend but one day in town. The three cars of Cole Brothers' circus will also visit Richmond, but the brigade is an accessory that is not used elsewhere.

Richmond's only circus of the year is an independent aggregation, and because of this fact, a street parade and a series of free exhibitions at the grounds are offered. The real circus "thriller" this season is called "Looping the Loop Without a Loop." It introduces a young woman who dashes down a very high and narrow loop, loops the loop in the air without the usual circular flooring, and continues her mad dash down